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To: all

Subject: Department of Information

Once again it's time to report on the Executive Staff Meeting. Ta-Da!
A short meeting was held on Wednesday, April 17. In attendance were
Martin, Jay, Dan, Karin, Rick Rice, and your faithful correspondent.

- 1) Rick Geiger presented the V24 system demos to the Commodore General Managers' Meeting in Munich, Germany. The hardware worked flawlessly and the demos went through without a hitch. The reaction was very positive. I'm sure Rick will have more to say on this subject when he returns Monday.
- 2) At the Hanover Fair (in Germany) Commodore formally introduced the Commodore 900. This is a Z8000 based UNIX box with a base configuration of 1/2 Mb RAM, 1 1.2Mb Floppy, 1 20MB Hard Disk, screen resolution of 1024 x 800 monochrome and software which includes windowing. The box is currently being sold only in Europe, but its US equivalent price would be about \$3000 to \$4000. (Sun, watch out!)
- 3) Karin is arranging for artwork and plants for the building. Also work continues on upgrading the phone and air-conditioning systems. We are looking at providing more thermostat controlled zones.
- 4) The building open house is currently scheduled for Friday, May 3, between 3:00 and 7:00. A pavilion will be set-up in the parking lot where refreshments will be served. Escorted tours through the building will be provided. No one will have to do anything more than just turning off their black and white boxes as far as security is concerned. Guards will be posted to secure the building. Although we will not do demos, there will be a white box sitting on a display continuously running the bouncing ball demo. Attendance (for outsiders) is by invitation only. You can bring family, but check with me before you mention this to friends.
- 5) The rest of the meeting was spent discussing status of the various project activities that are going on, but nothing dramatic was brought up, so I won't bother to repeat it all here. If you have questions or concerns about particular areas, feel free to ask!

Remember that this is YOUR Executive Staff Meeting. If you want some topic hashed out, it's up to YOU to let me know. Tally forth! (Sally Ho?)

-- Bob

From bobp Wed Apr 24 16:36:50 1985

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Yes indeed, it's time once again to present the consolidated report on the Executive Staff Meeting (the Good Parts version). In attendance this week were Rick, Rick, Jay, Dan, Karin (first half), and Martin (last half), along with your faithful correspondent.

- 1) Rick Geiger had some stuff to add on the Hanover Fair. Apparently the C900 (our Z8000 UNIX box) was the hit of the show, with excellent press reaction and a booth too crowded to walk through. In addition, the PC10 and 20 (our IBM PC compatibles) are apparently going like hot cakes. The feeling in Westchester is that the jump up in the stock price this week was largely due to this show.
- 2) Atari, on the other hand, was apparently having real problems. They had LESS hardware to show than they displayed in January. The only active machine was a 530ST. That one was plagued with snow on the screen (which seems to be due to chip problems) and, get this, NO COLOR! There is also reason to believe their machines are suffering from heat failures.
- 3) Plans for the open house are proceeding apace. Feel free to bring your spouse or spouse equivalent. If you want to bring any friends, be sure to clear it with Martin or Rick. The plan at this point is to hand out Commodore-Amiga badges to employees to keep the guards from getting paranoid. After the open house, we'll turn the badges back to Karin.
- 4) It has been decided that the bulk of the engineering, translation, etc., for the European versions of Zorro will be handled in West Chester. This also means that West Chester will develop a full software development setup for our stuff.
- 5) Terry Ashida will join us in two weeks. Terry comes from HP and will be heavily involved in organizing third party software and general tech support.
- 6) Cathy Wagner will be joining us on June 3 as a summer employee. Her background is in graphics.

7) Andrew Herrington will be joining us (on loan from West Chester) next week. He is responsible for the development of the PC compatibles. He will be attempting to exploit the OEM potential of our chip set and board architecture.

8) The open house will be a fine time make it clear to Marshall that we need more space!

That's it for this time. Tune in next week for final fun and games before the open house.

-- Bob

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